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Art Unit : 3611
Examiner : Kevin Hurley
Applicant : Aaron L. Mills et al.
Appln. No. : 09/683,703
Filing Date : February 5, 2002
Confirmation No. : 6453
For : STEER-BY-WIRE STEERING SYSTEM
WITH ROTATION LIMITER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R 1.111

Responsive to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 9, and 16 as follows:

1. (amended) A steer-by-wire steering system for steering one or more road wheels on a vehicle, said steering system comprising:
a steering input device rotatable by an operator to command steering of the one or more road wheels;
a steering input shaft mechanically connected to the steering input device and rotatable in response to rotation of the steering input device, wherein the steering input shaft is not mechanically linked to the steered one or more road wheels;
a support member disposed proximate the steering input shaft;
~~a male member provided on one of the steering input shaft and the support member;~~

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